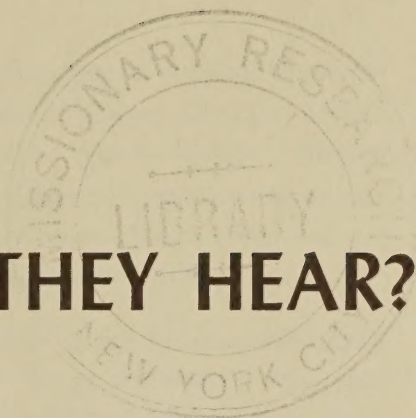


Pam
Missy pers

DEC 14 1951

1726

HOW SHALL THEY HEAR?




INFORMATION
ON THE

NEW TRIBES INSTITUTE

***THE MISSIONARY BOOT CAMP
FOR WORLD EVANGELIZATION***

CHICO, CALIFORNIA



Digitized by the Internet Archive
in 2022 with funding from
Columbia University Libraries

INTRODUCTION

New Tribes Mission is composed of a group of praying Christians who have dedicated their lives to the cause of making salvation through Jesus Christ known to the heathen in the regions beyond. Because there are untold millions still waiting for their first opportunity to hear this vital message, we have banded ourselves together to help one another to reach these perishing multitudes before it is forever too late.

We have no desire to enter a region which is being effectually reached by another group of Christians. We do not wish to waste time or substance in overlapping or competing with any efficient work which is being carried on by any other group of the Lord's children. "There remaineth yet very much land to be possessed." There are vast regions where no gospel witness has ever gone. We are anxious to help fill in the gaps.

Humanly, the task of world evangelization is an impossibility. No other effort of God's people will be so cruelly fought as this. How cleverly Satan has played his game to hinder the advance of the gospel! However, the life dedicated to this purpose is not left dependent on human means. Christ said, "Ye shall receive power . . ."—Holy Spirit power is available for every servant of God. We go forward in His power with the gospel which liberates men from their spiritual darkness and bondage, their fear and confusion.

We pray that as you read these pages you will be searching your heart for the *perfect* will of God in your life. Perhaps you too should be out there in some dark corner of the earth, holding up the torch for those who grope in the utter darkness of heathenism.

NEW TRIBES INSTITUTE

The New Tribes Institute conducts a training course for missionary candidates. The courses given are designed primarily to give spiritual and practical training for pioneer missionary work. Although the Bible is constantly used in class-room work, the Institute is not considered as a Bible school but a specialized, advanced course for prospective missionaries. The New Tribes Institute has been the outgrowth of prayerful study and careful research of the tremendous task that faces the missionary today -- world evangelization.

Although the number of those who have entered missionary service is alarmingly few in comparison to the millions still to be reached by the Gospel, the great problem is the training and preparation of those who go. Uncle Sam has led the way in helping us to see that fighting men used practical, as well as technical training. The brilliant engineer or specialized technician took the rugged toughening-up training along with the regular G.I. Our fighting men went into strange and difficult places and if they had not had the practical and physical ability to reach their destination their technical training would have been of little value to them. Hitler gambled on the hope that the Americans were too soft to wage another successful war. Our own government was aware that years of the world's highest living standards had made many Americans soft and that was not ideal preparation for war. Boot Camp and basic training were hard on men with soft flabby muscles and also very enlightening to men who had not lived in readiness for war.

The many phases of orientation for war were very necessary if we were to win. If Hitler thought we were too soft to fight a war, certainly Satan has not overlooked America's love for ease and good living. Certainly this is one way in which he has attacked the church in its effort to reach the world with the Gospel. If a soldier boy was soft for

war, the Christian likewise is soft, spoiled by comforts, not anxious to leave all, take up his cross and follow Christ. Yes, it appears that Satan has spoiled many for front-line service. But for those who dare to take up the challenge of going with the Gospel to the ends of the earth, there is a great need of facing reality. The job is a tough one, to the natural man, just plain gruesome.

Academic training may be fine, but a man will need more than this. Practical training and toughening up may be fine. It helped turn the tide on Hitler, but a Christian soldier will need more than even these two phases of training and preparation. The preparation that we now want to especially emphasize is the most important phase of missionary training but too often has been neglected or taken for granted. The Holy Spirit is the only qualified teacher for this important phase of missionary preparation, and although it is not considered a class-room or practical subject it is by far the most important phase of the missionary's training. If a missionary candidate only receives a head-knowledge of what the Word of God teaches, or just a practical knowledge of how to cope with problems that arise in missionary work, he will find that this course is of little value and his effort in vain. For this reason we emphasize the spiritual preparation for missionary work.

There are no shortcuts, and each man and woman must meet God in a definite way before he or she will know anything of the real preparation that is needed in work that will glorify the Lord Jesus Christ. Men have struggled for years to accomplish the task of world evangelization and failure so far has not resulted because of lack of human ability or man's knowledge. Men have only failed because they have lacked the faith to acquire the spiritual requisites that would make the job possible. The love of Christ is certainly the most important requisite, for Jesus had a love that "seeketh not its own". Where that love is, that love will find a way. Certainly as men are filled with the love of Christ and compelled by the Holy Spirit they will not stop until they have completed the task of making the Gospel available to the last man.

THE PREPARATION

During the short few years that the New Tribes Institute has been in operation there have been many changes made in the preparatory courses with the hope of more effectively introducing the potential candidates to the true God-given preparation that is necessary for this great task. It has become more and more obvious that if we are to succeed in our great task of world evangelization in this generation we are going to have to employ as fully as possible the methods of the New Testament. Never in the history of Christianity have we seen anything that was comparable to the rapid advancement of the Gospel and the rapid growth of the Church than that which was evident in the first thirty years with the New Testament Church. The spirit and method of the New Testament Church are not in force on a major scale anywhere in the world today because the proof of being fully New Testament in spirit, doctrine and practice, would be self-evident—the rapid multiplication of the Church and the Christian. It appears our understanding is very limited concerning the true function of a New Testament Church. While there is an ever increasing interest, there is much room for greater understanding of God's power that worked so effectively in the New Testament Church.

The ways in which the present day Church differs from the New Testament Church are many. The deviation or detour from scriptural methods have been great. To suddenly revert to New Testament method would be so sudden and such an abrupt change from what we have known that it appears obvious that many a Christian would be bewildered. It appears that we must seek the leading of the Holy Spirit in our effort to bridge the gap back to the spontaneous and prolific propagation of the New Testament. It is imperative that we see the three main divisions of the New Testament Church: the spirit and vision of the New Testament Church, the truth of the New Testament and the

method of the New Testament Church. Methods are only important when we have seen the truth of God's Word and the power of the Holy Spirit to make the Word a reality in the heart of man.

The New Testament plan or method is God's map of direction showing the most direct route to our objective. This route or procedure the Lord has given is also the most efficient basis of operation and the pathway with the least human barriers that would interfere with the work of the Holy Spirit. The Lord has prescribed this method to avoid as many pitfalls as possible but we must emphasize that knowing the best course to follow is of little value unless we have the power of the Holy Spirit to reach our objective and the Word of God to establish others in the salvation and purpose and power of His plan.

The cross on which Christ died, His plan of salvation, is a contradiction to everything man lives for. Likewise, the methods of the Gospel are a contradiction of man's method. We can have no criticism of any man who is attempting to do a job for God. Since it is obvious that we have not begun to tap the heavenly resources of power nor have we seen the prolific propagation as spoken of in the New Testament, there is little room for satisfaction on the part of any sincere Christian. We must realize the failure has not been the Lord's. It has been man's lack of turning whole-heartedly to God for the true power of His resurrection and the complete obedience to His Word. Since it is obvious that God has not begun to do what He would like to in and through our lives it becomes imperative that desperation grip our hearts and with aggressiveness and obedience we pursue the objective in the Lord Jesus Christ with an open heart. It becomes obvious then that the closer we come to the truth, power, pattern and objective of the New Testament Church the greater will be our hope of seeing world evangelization in this generation. The New Testament Church met the spiritual needs of the people. This should also be our objective. They exercised Church discipline, they taught the Word, they lived aggressively for the objective given them by Jesus Christ, they were going somewhere

for God. The reality and the power of it was the motivating factor for these aggressive Christians.

It is our hope and prayer that the Lord will lead in the preparing, planning and teaching of the course that is given so that it will meet the needs of the hour in lives so that we might again see a spontaneous propagation of the Gospel comparable to that of the New Testament Church. We are anxious to get away from the idea of a school as much as possible and more to the spiritual preparation of a New Testament Church. The course has been condensed into one year of spiritual, practical, and academic training. We do not conduct a rigid cut and dried program but feel if the Holy Spirit is going to lead us we are going to have to be flexible enough to meet the great variety of needs in lives that vary from time to time.

The one year course is divided into three sessions starting July 1st, November 1st, and March 1st. These are not overlapping classes and prospective missionaries can enter the course at any one of these dates. We will approach a different phase of the training during each session. Although our entire program revolves around Bible teaching we are striving for fruit of true doctrine as well as the knowledge of it. By God's help we want to impart a clear-cut vision of our world objective and how to approach in the most practical way the great job of reaching the unevangelized tribespeople of the world. This will include the preparation, equipment, and practical helps necessary in tackling this most difficult task of penetrating the last strongholds of Satan. In the past we have covered various phases of missionary orientation through missionary speakers and missionary material. We endeavor to acquaint the prospective missionary with the problems that he will face on the field and how to meet them. We give various phases of jungle craft that deals with survival and travel in primitive jungle areas. In the past we have covered in various degrees, such subjects as photography, carpentry, mechanics, shoe repairing, barbering, butchering, dietetics, visual aid, first aid, boat building, hunting and fishing for necessary foods,

soap making, swimming, trail making, care and use of animals, flying instruction, airplane mechanics. Subjects that require precision and skill are entered into on this basis. Many subjects are entered into on a preliminary basis so as to give a practical understanding that will enable a missionary to better cope with similar problems on the field. Linguistics is also given which is a study of the theory and practical application of linguistics covering phonetics, phonemics, morphology, syntax, field technique, teaching and translation. The primary aim of this course is to enable a person to learn, reduce to writing, and use an aboriginal language quickly and correctly. A number of spoken language courses are also given. We plan the practical course during the summer months when weather permits. We purposely do not give a schedule of classes because in the past there have been many interruptions which we feel were ordered of the Lord and proved to be a tremendous asset in the preparation for which we are looking to the Lord. Although we have a general plan some of the subjects mentioned may not be covered but our major concern is that the preparation that the Lord would have for each group and each person might be accomplished in a way that pleases Him most. The need of every life differs and it is our prayer that the Lord might be free to meet that need so that those going out to the field may find the greatest possible usage of their lives through the power of the Holy Spirit.

This is a missionary preparatory course and does not offer all the conveniences of home. Those coming should expect to encounter primitive conditions to a great degree. We have found that this type of training is more in keeping with what the missionary will actually face on the field. Fancy furnishings are not advisable. If you have questions about anything you wish to bring, write us and we shall be glad to help answer your questions.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. WHAT ARE THE REQUISITES FOR A MISSIONARY?

We have been amazed at the difference in natural abilities, ages, scholastic training, and experience of the men and women God has used in His work. This was true for Bible times and the whole history of the church. Many who seem best qualified according to human standards utterly fail and fall away, while many who never meet the standards of most modern missionary societies are singularly used of the Spirit.

The spiritual requisites of which we are certain are these: the missionary candidate must *be born again* and *in love with the Lord Jesus Christ*, walking under His guidance, full of *trust in God for all things*, realizing that *in self there is no good thing*. Such men and women have been the ones God used in times past. We believe it must be so today.

2. ARE THERE ANY AGE LIMITS FOR STUDENTS TAKING THE COURSE?

No, if God has called you for some work, who are we to say that you are either too young or too old? Timothy was so young that Paul wrote, "Let no man despise your youth." Moses was *eighty* years of age before he was ready to do God's work of bringing deliverance to Israel from Egypt. C. T. Studd was *past fifty when* God used him to found a new society for the evangelization of Africa and the whole world. It is true that young people can make adjustments and learn the language easier than older people, but one present day authority states that those who have retained their study habits and learned linguistics *are not too old at forty-five*. We believe that God is yearning to get hold of a life and that He can use it in some special way regardless of your age if you have definitely yielded your life to Him and He is directing you.

3. AFTER FINISHING THE COURSE OF STUDY, HOW ARE NEW MISSIONARIES TO BE SUPPORTED ON THE FIELD?

Many of the prospective missionaries coming to take the missionary course feel that NEW TRIBES MISSION is all set up to send them out and support them on the field when they have finished the course. Thus they have nothing to worry about except to get through this few months of training. As a matter of fact, we as a mission feel no binding obligation to consider those completing the course as possible candidates, although we are always interested.

Let us give a few words of explanation regarding NEW TRIBES MISSION. It is a fellowship of those giving their lives to finish the evangelization of the world. NEW TRIBES MISSION as an organization has no financial resources of its own. Money comes from men and women who have been moved by the Holy Spirit to give it. If the Spirit stops moving on hearts the mission will be bankrupt. It is therefore imperative that each one in the fellowship trust personally in God for support. We believe as some one has said, "God's workmen doing God's work in God's way for God's glory will never lack God's supply". There is no question that today God has a work that He is trying to get done. There is no doubt that He is moving on many hearts to go all out and do that work. It is equally certain that He expects to provide the means to make this possible.

4. IS THE COURSE OPEN TO CANDIDATES WHO INTEND TO GO OUT UNDER BOARDS OTHER THAN NEW TRIBES MISSION?

Yes, we are engaged in a global warfare and want to see the job finished as soon as possible. If you are affiliated with some society which is really going out to complete the bride of Christ, and if you would like to come for the training, we welcome you to the Institute the same as we welcome the other candidates who might be preparing to go out under the NEW TRIBES MISSION.

5. IS THERE A POSSIBILITY OF GETTING PART TIME WORK?

Very little, as the first step of a missionary is to learn the importance of walking by faith. The course is a full-time job where you will study ministerial work, and where you will pray and look to the Lord for His guidance and provision.

6. WHAT ABOUT FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT WHICH WE NOW HAVE, WILL ANY OF IT BE USABLE ON THE FIELD?

It is not practical to ship furniture all the way to the various fields since freight costs would be very high. Some types of beds may be usable on the field if fairly new. Few fields have electricity so electrical appliances would not be worth bringing. Keep all linen, table-ware, towels, blankets, some cooking utensils such as pots and pans in good condition. Also tools, cameras, and guns are usable on most fields. If you have any question do not hesitate to write because much may depend on the field in which you plan to labor.

